



# Truth IS Power

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## Do We Trust Our Union?

It's tempting to say, "That's how you MAGA!" when we see the swift replacement of government staff; considering how slow government normally moves - it sure sounds like progress!

After all, new appointments will be merit based: and what exactly is merit you ask? Merit: 'the quality of being particularly good or worthy'. Oh, so highly educated and experienced in diplomacy?

Let's see what we're working with: Herschel Walker (former football player) now ambassador to the Bahamas. Charles Kushner (daughter's father-in-law) to Paris. Tom Barrack, billionaire magnate involved in the first inaugural committee and close friend of POTUS, who was accused of lying to FBI and selling secrets: ambassador of Turkey.

We know there is a practice of giving ambassadorships in exchange for significant campaign contributions. They aren't experts in their fields, diplomats or highly educated. What they are is a variety of deep pockets and close friends and family of POTUS. This is far from merit. This is open corruption.

New appointments are being based

on loyalty and money - not education and experience ie 'merit'. Kushner alone was found guilty of 18 counts of tax evasion and witness tampering in 2005. He was pardoned in 2020 by POTUS.

Corruption: "dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery". The installation of his family, friends and billionaire donors who have financed his campaigns, under the guise of 'merit' - knowing what we know sounds dishonest. Would this fly in your workplace? Imagine paying for a job you don't even know how to do. What's the motivation here? What are they gaining?

Weren't we under the impression POTUS couldn't be bought or bribed by anyone because of his own personal wealth? It's not looking that way, is it?

Folks, it has been two weeks and we have seen the shameless installment of an American oligarchy that has its own plans for us. Elon Musk, bought himself a government job and found the confidence to "seig heil" passionately and with full abandon on national television. TWICE. In case anyone missed it. An odious gesture with a genocidal history. Do you notice the media whitewashing a

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literal hitler salute? Musk then went and spoke at a conference in Germany at a political party running on a platform of White Nationalism. It tracks with who this person is: a man born into insane wealth and raised in the South African apartheid. Need I say more? We are not immune to fascism solely by virtue of being born Americans.

**Do not be misled:  
bad company  
CORRUPTS  
good character.**

-1 Corinthians 15:33

## Are we not civilized?

There is no denying the palpable disdain they have towards their perceived enemies. The strong arming and bullying of this admin does nothing to create an environment amicable to treaties and business. There's nothing respectable, manly or brave about threatening smaller nations. It would do us well to remember that what they're willing to do 'for' you, they will do 'to' you - in due time. They're testing the waters to see how far citizens let them go under the premise of "hurting" our 'enemies': none of us will escape it unscathed. Only the wealthy.

They're planning revenge on a committee that had the integrity to

investigate an attempt to subvert the will of the people. They patriotically kept their oath to the constitution, the same cannot be said for POTUS. He was nearly held accountable but was able to use this new term to dismiss the charges against him. As a result, he'll be using his position to go after imaginary opponents. We will continue to see more manic perversion of truth. A Christian bishop gently asked for POTUS to have mercy towards his fellow man and, let me get this right: he was offended by her audacity. How dare she expect Christian values from a man like him? His mouth pieces working overtime to convince you she's being divisive because nothing

could be further from the truth. Is there no value in truth anymore? In civility? Kindness? What has become of us? Have we lost our ability to think without media intervention? Why are newscaster agreeing with such ridiculousness? What do they get out of this blatant lying? JD Vance recently said,

**"The pardon power is not just for people who are angels or people who are perfect. And of course, we love our law enforcement and want people to be peaceful, with everybody, but especially with our good cops. That's a separate issue from what Merrick Garland's Department of Justice did. We rectified a wrong, and I**

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**stand by it."**

Do not allow them to re-write history. January 6th was a domestic terrorist attack and if you do not agree with this observation, it would do you well to find a neutral news outlet (one site you could use is allmedia:mediabias) and rewatch the riot. A jury of their peers found the rioters guilty, how is their release 'rectifying a wrong'? It looks more like a "thank you for attempting some lite treason, I wont let them hold you accountable". Capitol police officers died due to the violence of that day. This is fact. **That thin blue line is mighty thin if you are not willing to betray your morality,**

**ethics and patriotic oath.**

A handful of the convicted rioters have turned down pardons. Why? They learned the truth. They were released from that cult-like delusion that had overpowered and filled them with hate and fear for their neighbors.

Have we lost the plot? All the above is coming from an allegedly modern and civilized nation. Have we forgotten that the whole of humanity must move forward and advance society together? Why do we subject ourselves to thin skinned beasts that performatively beat their chests? Their insistence that lying, violence and bigotry are virtues? Their violent rhetoric, scapegoating of others, refusal to see truth or be held

accountable goes beyond ass-backwards. **We can't even respect our neighbor's right to privacy in their medical decisions or beds.** Are we overgrown children that never learned to play nice? No golden rule?

We were considered a beacon of a progressive future, a multi-cultural mecca of faces and language. We have a responsibility to provide the best to all our citizens, regardless of who they vote for. We must prosper - ethically, be and live in peace among each other.

This sickness of greed and delusion of greatness thinly veiled by patriotism does not look good on Lady Liberty and we owe ourselves better.

## Fox News & CNN: Propaganda Media

Secure borders should not be divisive. Any strong nation would and should be concerned with their ability to properly assimilate their immigrants: but we have one massive problem. A multi billion dollar entertainment news industry (ie CNN, FoxNews etc) whose money is generated by our engagement with their hyper-partisan propaganda aka misrepresentation of fact. Fixing the border crisis would take the wind out of their sails. How can they distract us without an "other" to villanize?

They sow seeds of chaos and fear among citizens and get paid handsomely. Why else would news encourage the use of violence against our neighbor? Why would liberal media push rhetoric that framed white Americans as racist? Or insult the intelligence of half the nation? Why would conservative media push the idea that empathy is a sin? Or that immigrants cause increased crime? Have you noticed this trend of ragebaiting? Has it ever made you wonder why they stay angry?

Money is made off of the addictive rage blasted 24/7 by CNN & FoxNews. They have social scientists that weaponize hatred. The news media are packs of wolves in sheep's clothing, serving us up to be preyed on by billionaires. As we viciously fight each

other over who gets eaten first we seem blissfully unaware of the fact that we're both about to be devoured. We're fighting the wrong enemy. Each other.

Our nation's morality and sense of justice was silently poisoned by years of misinformation campaigns since the end of WW2. We have been conditioned to believe we have no collective power and that government is inefficient and needs rebuilding (entirely by design). Corporations count as people, mega-wealthy have such tremendous wealth it must be due to their great intelligence & hard work. That one day, we will join them in wealth, so let them "re-invest" their billions - they'll create jobs, increase our wages and give us a fair shot. After all, it only takes hard work - right?

The reality is that every billionaire's wealth is built on the backs of the common working man, us. That wealth is hoarded among few, the 1%. They have zero intention of helping the less fortunate unless they can use it to save themselves a shiny dime of tax money. Their egotistical greed drives them to foment division in order to avoid sharing with the people who created their wealth, us. It's the most efficient way to distract us from the reality that billionaire oligarchs want to own it all

and have us owe them everything and their successful propaganda means we will thank them for the privilege.

I pray we can recognize reality and finally stop missing the forest for the trees.

***The real difference between democracy and oligarchy is poverty and wealth. Wherever men rule by reason of their wealth, whether they be few or many, that is an oligarchy, and where the poor rule, that is a democracy.***

-Aristotle



# A Message from Henry A. Wallace



*"The American fascists are most easily recognized by their deliberate perversion of truth and fact. Their newspapers and propaganda carefully cultivate every fissure of disunity, every crack in the common front against fascism."*

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*"With a fascist the problem is never how best to present the truth to the public but how best to use the news to deceive the public into giving the fascist and his group more money or more power."*

*"They claim to be super-patriots, but they would destroy every liberty guaranteed by the Constitution. They demand free enterprise, but are the spokesmen for monopoly and vested interest. Their final objective, toward which all their deceit is directed, is to capture political power, so that using the power of the State and the power of the market simultaneously they may keep the common man in eternal subjection."*

-- fellow Iowan compatriot former Vice President Henry A. Wallace (1944)

## Book Recommendations

Do America a favor: educate yourself. Read a book. Listen to a podcast. Prepare yourself for the possibility that the lessons we're about to relearn as a nation are ones that humanity forgot too soon: nationalism is a fatal disease and government is to be by the people, for the people. Do we truly want to regress to an earlier time of greater social woes and inequality or progress towards the future we strayed from? Tell me, will we continue to hurt each other as we both die of from lack of healthcare, chemically processed foods, cancerous run-off in our water, low wages and crumbling infrastructure? Will we continue to buy into the manufactured racism that was created to prevent the poor white and poor colored man from joining forces and creating real societal change for the benefit of every citizen? How far in the mud will we have to sink before we accept we are pawns? Billionaire level wealth will always a crime against humanity.

- **In Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder**
- **How Fascism Works by Jason Stanl**
- **The Anatomy of Fascism by Robert O. Paxton**
- **It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis**

Dear reader, I leave you with this: when the time comes, do not lose your faith, do not lose hope, do not lose your morality for and most importantly **DO NOT OBEY IN ADVANCE.**